

Appl. No. 10/783,619
Reply to Office Action of 06/29/2006

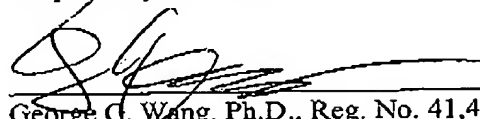
REMARKS

Claims 1-59 were pending in this application. In response to the Office Action, Applicant has cancelled claims 1-59 without prejudice and replaced them new claims 60-72. The new claims are fully supported by the specification and original claims and no new matter is thereby instructed.

The above amendment to the claim set is in response to the Restriction/Election requirement imposed by the Examiner prior to a substantive examination on merits. With the amendment, it is respectfully submitted that the grounds for Restriction/Election requirement as advanced by the Examiner are no longer applicable to the new claim set and thus this amendment is fully responsive to the Restriction/Election requirement. The new claim set contains composition claims (claims 70 -72), method claims of using the composition (claims 60 and 61), and method claims of making the composition (claims 62-69). It is respectfully submitted that the claims are not independent and distinct from each other and no serious burden is imposed on the Examiner without requiring restriction. Nonetheless, should the Examiner require restriction, applicant hereby provisionally elect with traverse the composition claims, i.e. claims 70-72. Because claims 60-69 are linked to claim 1, they should be joined when claim 1 is found allowable. In any event, the applicant reserves the right to further pursue any non-elected subject matter in due course.

As this response is submitted within the one month shortened statutory period, it is believed that no fees and charges are required at this time in connection with the application.

Respectfully submitted,



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